

Letter Links Film Man to Taylor Murder

**Alleged Confession, Written
at Atlantic City, Is Said
To Be Signed by Name
Well Known to Screen**

One of Eleven Received

**'We Protect Our Women' Is
Justification of Killing,
as Claimed by the Writer**

LOS ANGELES, March 6.—A brief part of the ten-page handwritten letter purporting to be a confession to the murder here February 1 of William Desmond Taylor, film director, mailed to the Los Angeles Police Department from Atlantic City, February 27, and received in this city March 4, was made public tonight by David L. Adams, captain of detectives.

The part made public read: "We South Americans always take care of our women. We are hot-headed and see that swift justice is meted out to those who wrong us.

"I killed the man and even this is a mild description of the man who, hiding behind a polished manner, won the regard of many women, only to cast them aside when tired of them for a new plaything."

The confession, according to Captain Adams, was signed by the name of a man who occupied a prominent place in the motion picture industry, and whose wife was a native of South America. It was said the man had left Los Angeles about the time of the murder, and that he had previously been considered by the police in connection with the crime.

Captain Adams said his previous statement that the letter came from the murderer and that it was a mistake, as he had in mind a different letter when he made that statement.

The letter was written upon the stationery of a hotel which the police said was well known in Atlantic City. The handwriting was clear and the text of the letter was well constructed, the captain said. He declared that published reports purporting to give quotations from the letter were far from the truth and that none of the other than police had read the letter. It was the eleventh letter from individuals who claimed to have slain the director, the captain said.

Captain Adams said the police were making a close inquiry into a letter received a few days after the murder which it is believed is in the same handwriting as the letter from Atlantic City, and possibly may dovetail into the Atlantic City letter.

The inquiry was merely in a primary stage, he said, but would be gone into fully, and the whole mass of correspondence received by the police relating to the murder would be exhaustively examined and compared.

An examination by experts of the Atlantic City communication proved it was not written by Edward F. Sands, missing former butler-secretary to Taylor, it was said.

This confirmed a previous announced view of the detectives, they said, as Sands, so far as known, is not married, while the confession, they added, was made by a husband. They declared the letter said the man's wife had first engaged in an "affair" with Taylor, only to be "scooped" by him later.

It was reported, but not confirmed, that the police had asked Boston detectives to search an establishment in that city in the hope of effecting an arrest in connection with the murder of Taylor.

HARTFORD, Conn., March 6.—The Connecticut state police to-day renewed their investigation into the mystery of the suicide of a young man at Warehouse Point, Conn., whose body was found on February 19 with a bullet hole in the head. It is understood the state police believe the body may be that of Edward F. Sands, missing secretary of William D. Taylor.

Chicago Irish for Freedom

CHICAGO, March 6.—Pledging renewed support to a free Ireland, the United Irish Societies of Chicago to-day observed the 14th anniversary of the birth of Robert Emmet, Irish patriot.

Jersey Mayor to Tar And Feather Bandits

CAMDEN, N. J., March 6.—Tarring and feathering will be the punishment for highway robbers at Woodlynne, near here, in the future, Mayor William D. Kramer announced to-night. Many residents of the community recently have been held up and robbed of small sums.

"We have obtained a big tank for melting tar," said the Mayor, "and a bountiful supply of feathers. The next man caught in a hold-up will be tarred and feathered and carried through the streets as an example to the community."

Burglary Insurance Claims 51 Per Cent More Than in 1920

**Big Gain in Lawlessness Is
Laid to High Life, Drugs,
Unemployment and the
Paroling of Criminals**

An increase of 51 per cent over 1920 in the number of claims for burglary insurance filed with the National Surety Company is noted in a statement covering 1921 issued by the company yesterday. The previous banner year was 1920.

Responsibility for the lawlessness indicated is laid by the company's officials to four conditions. The first is the unwillingness of men to give up the taste for high life which they acquired during the war-age period. Next comes increasing addiction to drugs, and then the effects of widespread unemployment. The fourth cause is said to be the paroling and pardoning of desperate criminals and the system of suspended sentences.

Last year was particularly bad in the matter of depository bond claims, according to the figures of the company. Its actual loss payments in this class of business were \$1,065,271, or approximately 100 per cent of the premiums written. The bank closures covered by these losses numbered thirty-eight national and 144 state banks, while an aggregate loss of \$3,000,000 was incurred on surety bonds. The statement shows that there were 15,000 defaults on the company's bonds and policies in 1921 and that losses paid during the year exceeded \$5,300,000.

The places most subject to burglary, it is said, are drug stores, fur concerns, automobile filling stations, chain stores, banks, garages and automobile accessory stores.

In an endeavor to counteract such conditions, the National Surety Company is beginning a campaign to have daily lessons in the practical wisdom of honesty taught in public schools. About 2,000 letters requesting the cooperation of school principals recently have been sent out, and more than 300 favorable responses already have been received. It is the company's contention that while American children read of the seeming success of crimes, they never read of the subsequent punishment of the criminals. For this reason there should, according to the company, be a widespread ethical regeneration to overcome the threatened temptation of future citizens. To this end the company proposes to furnish material for a series of "honest talks," and to send public speakers to address schools several times a year.

Nose-Powdering Girls Vex Professor; He Walks Out

BERKELEY, Calif., March 6.—Negotiations were opened to-day to have Alwin Thaler, associate English professor at the University of California, return to the freshman class, whence he walked out Saturday because he said "certain girl students would not stop powdering their noses."

"Yes, I admit I walked out," Thaler said to-day. "I asked them to put aside their vanity cases and attend to their work and they just giggled at me and powdered away all the harder."

The girls, it was said, agreed to leave their vanity cases outside and the professor is expected to return to the class to-morrow.

Clerk, Angered At Dismissal, Kills Employer

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to get out; that Karp was looking for him."

Mrs. Franklin Henry's sister (all the Kraus family live in Woodmere, L. I.) was then talking to her brother and she ran down to the offices on the floor below and told her father and his partner about the menacing presence of Karp.

Engel & Kraus have been in business together for more than fifteen years.

When Kraus's daughter rushed in, they were discussing the appearance of a newly designed collar that hung about the neck of a simple-faced wax bust model on a green-topped table in one of the customers' rooms. Both men rushed through the factory and upstairs. Engel was first.

Clerk Tells of Shooting

Leo Ramplnello, of 75 Powers Street, the youth who succeeded to Isadore Karp's job in the shipping room, looked up as Mr. Engel strode into the doorway. Leo said:

"I heard the boss say: 'What's the matter with you? Then I heard the other fellow (I couldn't see him) say: 'Hands up! What did you make me lose my job for? Then there was a shot and another one. Then a third shot. Mr. Engel just sort of collapsed. He fell on his hip and side and then sprawled out on his back. Somebody sent me for a cop then."

Miss Hertz crowded past the frightened employees clustered inside the doorway and obtained one more glimpse of Karp. His pistol, she said, was in his right hand and he was running down the iron stairway.

Patrolman George W. Nicolet, of the West Thirtieth Street police station, will not soon forgive Leo Ramplnello.

"If that kid had taken me up the stairs," he said, "I'd have caught the fellow. But he took me up the front way in the elevator and he got away. My partner, William Berger, got a stretcher from New York Hospital, just across the street, and we took the party that was shot—this Mr. Engel—over. He died on the table. One bullet went in just under his heart and another was in his stomach."

Detective Peter McCormack, of headquarters, found two shells from an automatic pistol in the hallway. A third shell was on the fifth step down.

As soon as word came back from the hospital that Mr. Engel was dead, Mr. Kraus got into a taxicab and went to the Hotel Berkeley, Seventy-fourth Street and Amsterdam Avenue, and informed Mrs. Engel and her daughter of the death. A detective from headquarters went to 539 Willoughby Avenue, in Brooklyn, the other home bereft by this tragedy, and informed the widowed mother of Karp that he would wait there for her son, who had "kotten into some trouble over in Manhattan."

South African Strikers Riot

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, March 6.—The police to-day occupied the main thoroughfares of Johannesburg owing to rioting in which revolvers were freely used. The trouble arose through strikers attacking a house and removing the furniture from it.

'Chain by Brigand'



The Rev. Dr. A. L. Shelton, American medical missionary, who was killed by bandits in Tibet. The American State Department has called upon the Chinese government to capture and punish the slayers.

China Asked to Search For Slayers of Shelton

**Demand Made by American Legation Immediately After
News of Murder**

WASHINGTON, March 6.—The American Legation at Peking has requested the Chinese government to take immediately all possible measures to apprehend and bring to trial the robbers who murdered Dr. A. L. Shelton, an American missionary, at Batang on February 17, it was announced to-day at the State Department.

The announcement said that the action of the legation at Peking was taken upon receipt of a telegram from an American missionary at Batang giving an account of the murder. Dr. Shelton was a medical missionary of the Church of the Disciples of Christ. First news of his death was received in a telegram addressed to the general mission board of his denomination, at St. Louis.

Mission to Brazil Approved

WASHINGTON, March 6.—The Senate to-day adopted the resolution requested by President Harding authorizing the Executive to appoint a commission to represent the United States at the Brazilian Centennial Exposition next fall. Five commissioners are authorized by the resolution, which now goes to the House.

Four Arrested, 2 Surrender in Bucket Inquiry

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degree and was released by Judge Crain in \$3,000 bail. The complainant was W. G. Gray, of 2239 West Payette Street, Baltimore, who alleged he lost \$480 in a stock deal.

The stock brokerage houses which failed yesterday were Etting & Wall, of 27 William Street, and Emmanuel Varcoe & Co., of 52 Broadway, both members of the Consolidated Stock Exchange, and I. B. Mullins & Co., of 1482 Broadway. Petitions in involuntary bankruptcy were filed against the three firms in the United States District Court.

Etting & Wall had their main office at 432 Wood Street, Pittsburgh. Allan D. Emil, of Olcott, Bonyng, McManus & Ernst, who represented the petitioners, said the firm's liabilities were approximately \$35,000 and the assets between \$2,000 and \$15,000. He said the failure was due to a run on the firm by its patrons and to the firm's insufficiency of quick assets to meet the crisis. The petitioning creditors and their claims were S. L. Cutler, \$500; Anna Marks, \$500, and Donald Vaughan, \$150. Federal Judge John C. Knox appointed Roger B. Wood receiver under a bond of \$50,000.

Liabilities of \$100,000

In the petition naming Varcoe & Co. liabilities were placed at \$100,000 and assets at \$40,000. The petitioning creditors and their claims were Joseph Cohen, \$1,000; Samuel Cohen, \$1,000, and Thomas Trevor, Inc., \$155. The liabilities of Mullins & Co. were said to amount to \$50,000 and the assets to \$20,000. The petitioning creditors and their claims were Walter J. Scott, \$300; Miguel L. Hauck, \$137, and Russell Ford, \$81.

PITTSBURGH, March 6.—"We have not been officially notified of the suspension of the house, and know nothing more about it than what is being carried in news reports," it was announced at the Pittsburgh office of Etting & Wall this afternoon. "We discontinued business when the report reached us, and will do nothing until we hear from headquarters."

MONTREAL, March 6.—Dunn & Co., stock brokers, announced an assignment to-day for the benefit of creditors. The firm was one of the smaller Montreal houses, and had no Stock Exchange connections.

Federal legislation to bond or incorporate brokerage firms of the United States with branches in Canada is to be sought by R. Shulman, representing clients here of Deschamps & Co., of New York.

"American firms open branches here, their local office send all the collateral it obtains from clients to the head office in the United States, and when a crash comes the Canadian clients are left whistling while American clients are able to divide whatever security has been brought over the border from Canada," Mr. Shulman said. He recently returned from New York where he examined the affairs of the Deschamps firm.

Deputy Kills Sheriff in Kentucky Court House

**"He Did Not Treat Me Fairly,"
Is Only Reason Prisoner
Gives for Shooting**

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE TRIBUNE
MAYFIELD, Ky., March 6.—Standing in the center of a ring of deputies in the courthouse at noon to-day, Sam Galloway, a young deputy, drew his revolver and fired three shots at Sheriff John T. Roach. The official fell to the floor dead.

Galloway, a marine marksman in the World War, said: "I have nothing to say," when asked why he had slain the sheriff. An hour later, as he was being taken to Paducah for safe keeping, he told the officers: "John Roach did not treat me fairly."

Friends of the slain man, one of the most popular citizens of the county, are seeking a motive. Roach was elected last fall. His announcement last year that he would make the race for Sheriff was followed by a similar one from Galloway.

Galloway changed his mind, however, as he saw the tide turning toward his opponent and did not make the race.

Charges Agent Retains Millions in Securities

**Columbia Leases Involved in
Action to Compel Ernest T.
Greiner to Return Stocks**

FREDERICK WESCHE, a native of Terri, Switzerland, began suit in the Supreme Court yesterday to compel Ernest T. Greiner, of 25 Broad Street, to return to him bonds, stocks, moneys and leaseholds, which the plaintiff charges he entrusted to the defendant as his agent. Mr. Wesche declares that on July 31, 1914, he transferred to the defendant millions of dollars worth of securities, money and leaseholds, which Mr. Greiner was to manage for him. Some of this property belonged to Helen J. von Schierholz and fell into the hands of the Alien Property Custodian.

Wesche asserts that Greiner transferred to himself large amounts in securities and refused to retransfer them until he had received \$100,000 for his services. These services, according to the plaintiff, were worth not more than \$1,000. Wesche asks for the appointment of a receiver of the property in Greiner's hands. The trustees of Columbia University are named as co-defendants because of the institution's interest in the property in which the plaintiff has leaseholds.

The court upheld the action of a lower court in dismissing a suit brought by Fred Marwood, state secretary of the Socialist party, against Mayor Trembley and Fire Chief Mehr, of Rahway, for causing him to be washed off a platform from which he attempted to speak in May, 1919.

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"Water Cure" Held Legal

**Court Rules for City That Used
Fire Hose on Radical**

TRENTON, N. J., March 6.—Employment of a municipal fire hose to extinguish the utterances of a radical speaker is a proper use of such apparatus under certain circumstances, the Court of Errors ruled to-day by a 14 to 2 vote.

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